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"Het Kloempke", a souvenir shop in the centre of Geertruidenberg. It specialises in hand-painted Dutch Clogs, which can be made to order. Geertruidenberg is a fortified City in the Province of North Brabant. Water covers more than 1/6th of the Municipality and includes Nature Park "De Biesbosch." Boats and canoes can be hired to go there. More details about this City on pages 22-23.

Social Functions Calendar & Clubhouse Details

Members can still wear masks or practice social distancing, especially so if they have other health issues. That compromises their immune system. Also, if you are even a little unwell, please stay home in order to protect your fellow Neerlandia Members.

Following the Neerlandia Events and it's Sub-Clubs Activities Calendar for July, August and early Sept. '22.

July 2022

Mon 4,11,18,25	<u>Hollandia Billiard Club</u>	9.30am
Wed 6, 20	<u>Wednesday Bingo</u>	11am
Thurs 14, 28	<u>Neerlandia Seniors' Club</u>	10am
Thurs 7,14,21,28	<u>Thursday Night Card Club</u>	7pm
Sunday 24	<u>Anniversary Lunch at the RDC</u> <i>(More Details on page 18)</i>	
Friday 29	<u>Maas & Waal Borrel</u> At the RDC, Myaree	6.30 pm

August 2022

Sunday 14	<u>Tivoli Show</u> <i>More details on page 7</i>	12.00 noon
Sunday 21	<u>International Lunch</u> <i>More details on page 10</i>	11.30 am
Sat, Sun 27/28	<u>André Rieu in the theatre</u> <i>More details on page 17</i>	1.00pm
Mon 1,8,15,22,29	<u>Hollandia Billiard Club</u>	9.30am
Wed 3, 17, 31	<u>Wednesday Bingo</u>	11am
Thurs 11, 25	<u>Neerlandia Seniors' Club</u>	10am
Thurs 4,11,18,25	<u>Thursday Night Card Club</u>	7pm
Friday 29	<u>Maas & Waal Borrel</u> At Morley Windmills	6.30 pm

September 2022

Sunday 11	<u>André Rieu at the RDC</u> (Proposed Repeat of the 29th of May Show)	
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Club details:

Neerlandia is using the Rhein-Donau Clubhouse for most of their activities.

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Beste Medelanders,

Now that the shortest day of the year is behind us, we can all look forward to the warmer months of the year. Having said that, some of the sunny winter days are quite pleasant as well.

Please make sure you come along to our Anniversary lunch on Sunday the 24th of July, as we are going to try a new format. Have a look at the advertisement on page 18 in this magazine for more details.

As well, order tickets soon for the other great events advertised in the Magazine.

I attended the Quiz night last Friday evening and our bi-annual Ice skating event last Sunday.

Both were great fun, we have some very clever (and sporty) people amongst our members.

Thanks John and Machiel for organizing these events. Keep up the good work

Groeten,

Eric van Waaijenburg.
President.

Editorial.

Please note that this issue of the Neerlandia magazine covers 2 months, July and August. This means that there will be no issue in your letterbox or on your computer in August.

I have received the following compliment from one of our Members.

Congratulations on a successful André Rieu performance and lunch on Sunday 29 May. I really enjoyed it.

I'd like to thank the "artistic director" John for the way he put together the global trip and his choice of each Rieu concert piece. It was fun and an excellent performance. But I wish the people behind us hadn't spoken so loud. The food was excellent, especially the smoked Dutch sausage.

All in all a very worthwhile day had by all.

Thank you Dutch club.

Dr Paul V Jansz.

Henk Oorschot has withdrawn his services as magazine proof-reader for health reasons. For many years Henk has been very supportive, not only with the proof-reading he did regularly, but also with worthwhile suggestions and a constant supply of articles. Thank you Henk, for all the work you have done to assist me with producing the Neerlandia Magazine. I wish you and Riet all the best for the future.

Pieter Leeftang.

Your Editor.

NEERLANDIA WELCOMES THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS.

Ordinary Members -
Mary Kathleen Martin
Eddy van Praag
Marilou Anderson
Evert van Dijk
Daniel van der Stelt
Kerry Nattrass

Ditjes and Datjes and upcoming AGM

The RDC Railway Group.

Rolf de Groot: Presentation Evening held on Friday 22 April 2022 at the RDC.

The RDC Model Railway Group presented Rolf de Groot with an award for his services to the group spanning more than 20 years. The Model Railway group honoured him by naming the railway room the “Rolf de Groot



Model Railway Room”. He was presented with a wall plaque, which he erected that

same night on the wall outside the railway room.

David Ramsey, who represented the RDC Committee, presented Rolf with a card and a bottle of champagne. Rolf was accompanied by his wife Ann and invited guests from the Fremantle and District Model Railway club, as well as past and present Members of the RDC.

Canapes were provided with compliments from Bobby the chef and the evening finished with all enjoying dinner and drinks. The Model Railway Group is currently constructing a new harbour, which will have a canal and lock section added to it.

We are endeavouring to have this completed in time for the Oktoberfest.



The railway room at the RDC is worth a visit.

We are continuing to up-grade parts of the layout to make it more interesting to the public.

Visitors are always welcome and new Modelling Members would be a great help. *(The above article was copied from the RDC magazine. Rolf de Groot is also a long-time Member of Neerlandia. What is also interesting, his uncle was the assistant Consul for the Netherlands in the 1960s, when it was still housed in a building on Adelaide Terrace. This building had a Spitfire Aeroplane on a post in front of the building. That same Spitfire is now on display in the RAAF museum in Bullcreek. Coincidentally, Rolf lives now in that retirement village).*

The upcoming Neerlandia AGM and other important issues.

Within this issue, you will see the notice for our annual AGM on the 18th September ‘22. We are calling for nominations for members to come onto our committee. We still have 3 vacancies besides our sitting Committee members and I ask you to give serious consideration to join our Committee. Some wonderful ideas have been floated and as many of you can attest, our events are very worthwhile attending. To continue providing these wonderful events for all to enjoy, we need more willing volunteers to help bring these ideas into reality and keep our events vibrant, entertaining, and full of fun for all.

Lastly, I encourage all members to support our functions and invite others to become members, so that they too can share in our wonderful social programs at great savings. Our retired Committee member, Henk Oorschot, has had an unwanted turn in his health. To Henk and Riet, we stand ready to support you in this trying time. Seniority brings with it undesirable and unwanted, yet for most, unavoidable health issues. Keep strong, and we wish you a speedy recovery. **Jan Zwartkruis, Events coordinator.**

Croquetten & Bitterballen.

Croquetten & Bitterballen are once again being made in Perth and sold by John Otis (previous the Dutch Butcher).

However, they are only available on Saturday mornings from 9.00 am to 12 Noon.

Where are they available:

During the above hours, John will be at the Morley Windmills Clubhouse, Wotton Reserve, Broun Avenue, Embleton and they are only available frozen and come in boxes of 50 Bitterballen and 25 Croquetten.

**Contact John Otis for more information and details on:
0409 689 9656.**

Neerlandia Dutch conversation classes.

We are halfway through the year and Neerlandia's Dutch classes have had quite a few new students. You can join the classes anytime of the year.

Two classes are offered, one for beginners and one for intermediate/advanced students. You can join the classes anytime of the year. Neerlandia members pay no fees.

Costs for non-Neerlandia Dutch Club members are: \$10 per lesson per person, \$15 per lesson for two persons of the same family and \$20 per lesson for a family.

The Dutch conversational classes will commence each year in February, during the first Maas and Waal Borrel (End of Month Drinks) of the year and finish at the last Maas & Waal Borrel of the year in November.

The classes are conducted by qualified Dutch language teachers from the LanguageOne School. Before or after your class, you have a chance to socialise with others and have a drink or a meal. For any question and to show your interest, please contact Machiel van der Stelt via:

mvdstelt@gmail.com and/or by checking their facebookpage:

<https://www.facebook.com/DutchLanguagePerth>



Proposed Repeat of the André Rieu video Show.

(shown 29 May 2022)

If you missed this superb show, or would like to see it again, please pencil in **Sunday the 11th of September 2022.**

A repeat of the show is scheduled to be shown for the Rhein Donau Club Members, but details are yet to be confirmed.

As this July/August

magazine will come out early July, and there will be no separate August magazine published, we can't inform you in advance of any details as yet.

To confirm if the event is on and the exact details, please consult the RDC website: <https://www.rheindonau.com.au/magazine> as the RDC magazine is for Aug/Sep will be on there as it will come out late July, early August.

Neerlandia will also put it on its website. <https://www.dutchclubwa.com>

The Neerlandia 2022 AGM will be held at Morley Windmills.

**When: On Sunday 18th September at 2.00pm.
Doors open at 1.00 pm.**

In accordance with Neerlandia's Constitution, all positions on the Committee will be declared vacant at the 2022 AGM.

The sitting Committee Members are:

President Eric van Waaijenburg

Vice-President Machiel van der Stelt

Secretary Vacant

Treasurer Henry Koldenhoven

Committee Members (6 of 8): Toon Kamps, Hanny Kamps Karin

Eastwood-Helder, Alida Reitzenstein & John Zwartkruis & Babette van Dijk.

"Nominations for the entire Committee are now called for from Members and must be received by our Secretary before the 21st of August 2022. (Closing date is 28 days before the AGM)".

A Nomination Form is included with this magazine and are also available from existing Committee Members. (Contact details page 27.)

Please note that any candidate can only be nominated for 1 position on the Committee.

The following sitting Members have re-nominated for their same positions.

President: Eric van Waaijenburg

Vice-President: Machiel van der Stelt

Secretary: Vacant

Treasurer: Henri Koldenhoven

6 out of 8 Committee Members: Karin Eastwood-Helder, Toon Kamps, Hanny Kamps, Alida Reitsenstein, John Zwartkruis & Babette van Dijk.

**Members attending the AGM will receive a drink voucher
for consumption at the bar.**

Eric van Waaijenburg.
President.

The Tivoli Club Outing on the 14th of August

The Tivoli Club Presents

That other 70's Show—Sunday 14 August 2022 at 12:00 Noon.

Featuring songs by ABBA, Boney M and the Bee Gees.

A celebration of artists that made the 70's the grooviest decade.



Bring back those wonderful memories of the 1970's when these 3 bands produced hit after hit that we all loved. Waterloo, which won Eurovision in 1974. Boney M's Rasputin and their Christmas album, The Bee Gees and Saturday Night Fever and a whole lot more.

The Tivoli Theatre is located in a Heritage Listed Art Deco building opposite the Raffles Hotel in Applecross. Parking is nearby, also in Moreau Mew and paid parking in the Raffles Hotel basement.

We have reserved a block booking of 100 seats for Sunday 14th August 2022.

Financial Dutch Club Members—\$7.00. Non-Financial & Non Dutch Club members \$17.00.

This includes Chicken & Chips at interval. Doors open 11:30 AM & show starts 12:00 Noon.

Come and see our singers, dancers and comedians in our beautiful Art Deco Theatre in Applecross. We have a Chicken & Chips meal at interval. You are welcome to bring your own nibbles, as well as your own alcohol and glasses. We have a little shop where you can purchase water, cool drinks, crisps and lollies/chocolates.

Be quick and book your seats. Just like in previous years, tickets will sell out quickly!!

Secure your tickets from John Zwartkruis 0434 920 252

or EMAIL. terjohnz@gmail.com

Report on the André Rieu Show and the Dutch Lunch

Andre Rieu Show at the RDC on 29th May 2022.



André Rieu was shown on a decent size screen and everyone had a good view of the screen. That, however, did not stop Members from lining up at the Bar. Advocaat & cream was popular with the ladies.

The Video took our guests from the USA, back to mainland Europe where we hopped from one country to the next, back, and forth and travelling by road, train, river cruise or ocean cruiser between cities and countries. Only for certain segments was an aeroplane the best form of transport.

There were lots of “Oohs” & “Ahs” as well as lots of laughter. Spontaneous clapping along to the music could be heard and even it encouraged a few to get up and dance. It was clear that everyone was enjoying everything that was on show for them.

When, 2 hours, later lunch was served, we were once again given an unexpected surprise. The Chicken Soup had been prepared by Babette van Dijk, (Thank you Babette) and indeed it was delicious. With the best of intentions, 6 bottles of Maggi were bought to place on the tables. Unfortunately, 5 out of the 6 bottles contained Chilly spice, which would have made the Soup extremely HOT besides the temperature. Once this was identified, a quick scurry was made retrieving the bottles, before others ruined their tasty Chicken Soup.

Every member received another surprise when the mains came out It was: “Boerenkool met Worst”.

They say: “A picture paints a thousand words”. This photo was provided to our Chef Bobi. It was



later pointed out, no need to slice the Rookworst into little pieces, just a third of the Rookworst would suffice. Well, Bobi did cut it into thirds and quarters, but put the whole Rookworst on each plate. A bonus, but clearly too much. At least people could obtain a container from the kitchen staff to take home the additional pieces of Rookworst. This could then be consumed on another day, and I dare say, the odd pooch may have enjoyed a bit as well.

Report on the André Rieu Show and the Dutch Lunch



John, our events organizer, did a very good job in the way he selected and joined all the video clips that were used, as well as being the MC for the afternoon.

In between the Main Course and Dessert, our now famous raffle was held. We had 20 prizes to hand out, which represented that roughly 1 in 4 people would get a prize. There were 8 DVDs of André Rieu as well as 12 bottles of Zwarte Kip Advocaat. Needless to say, all prize winners were gridders.

The dessert was Limburgse Vlaai. Bobi had enlisted the services of an Austrian Patisserie chef who made it perfectly. Everyone enjoyed this special treat and it finished off a most entertaining day.

The day would not have been the success it was if we didn't have the cooperation of Bobi and his Kitchen staff, nor Heather behind the bar. They ensured we had good food and were able to enjoy our favourite drink as well. Furthermore, a very BIG THANK YOU must go



to Brian Muir from the Rhein Donau Club. All Friday afternoon, he laboured getting the projector mounted on the ceiling and connecting the audio cables to the speaker control panel. There were times when the tool needed wasn't available. His ingenuity found an alternative solution and the task was completed before evening, resulting in a perfect showing of the video on that Sunday.

As always, we can not hope to do all these things, if we did not have the assistance

All eyes were glued to the screen, with bursts of applause and singing.

of dedicated Committee Members in Hannie & Toon Kamps. They were there early for setting up, ensuring the tables were laid out, so that everyone could enjoy the ambience the table decorations provided. Thank you Hannie & Toon.

John Zwartkuis.

(This event would not have been such a huge success, if it had not been for the huge sponsorship by Neerlandia. Tell your friends to become a Neerlandia Members, so that they can enjoy the benefits of being a member and participate in these marvelous outings. Editor).



Henry assisted with the raffle. It was also a huge success with many happy Members winning a prize.



Around the World Lunch – SUNDAY 21 August 2022

**Come for another Cultural
Experience and Cuisine from
another part of Europe.**

12:30 PM Lunch

Doors open 11:30 AM.

**This time we will frolic through the Swiss Alps and be
entertained by the Swiss Alphorn Players.**

Our Menu will be styled on a Swiss theme.

**Our surprise lottery will once again be part of proceedings,
so be sure to be there.**

**Tickets are needed for this event and are available from
John (Jan) Zwartkruis Events Coordinator for Neerlandia.**

This event is once again subsidised by your Neerlandia Committee.
Full Financial Members only \$25.00 and Non (financial) Members \$50.00

Book early to avoid disappointment.

Bookings: Phone John Zwartkruis on 0434 920 252 or
send an email to terjohnz@gmail.com

OR contact any Neerlandia Committee Member listed in the back of this magazine
or your Club-Coordinator.

Bookings can also be requested through neerlandia@dutchclubwa.com

The Bingo Page



NEERLANDIA BINGO ON WEDNESDAY.

Day Games only.

6th and 20th of July.

3rd, 17th and 31st of August.

14th and 28th of September.

Games start at 11am—Doors open at 10am.



Lunch, a bowl of soup with bun is \$7.50, at cost. Coffee/tea/biscuits free, self help.



Bingo on Wednesday 25th May. With 34 Bingo players we had a very pleasant day.



Bingo on Wednesday 11th May. With 30 players there was a lot of fun playing Bingo.

BINGO BULLETIN. *From your friendly Bingo Organiser.*

Over the last 2 game days, a number of players have won special prizes above their normal winnings. **John Norder, Kerry Nattrass, Henk Uyen and Marjorie Bly** all played for free. (worth \$10.— each)

The box of Favourites chocolates was won by **Ann Heistek and Hennie James**. The \$25.— loaded games were won by **Dirk Heistek (\$45) and Jenny Norder (\$42)**. The Ferrero chocolates, sponsored by Neerlandia, were won by **Tinie Deugd and Dora van der List**. The Jackpot reached \$135.— and it needed 59 balls for it to be won. That did NOT happen. Exciting times ahead, as the Jackpot keeps on increasing!!!

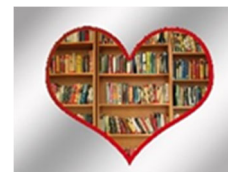
We welcomed a new Bingo Player on Wednesday 8th June, **Evert van Dijk**, who became a Neerlandia Member on that very same day.

Henk Oorschot and Louis James.

For info, call Henk on 9256 1977



De BoekHoek.



De laatste twee jaar is het bijna onmogelijk geweest om de Neerlandia “Mies” bibliotheek draaiend te houden.

Maar nu wordt de bibliotheek in ere hersteld. Openingstijden zijn dezelfde als die van de Rhein Donau Club: <http://www.rheindonaclub.iinet.net.au/>

Zo wat nu? Neerlandia leden die graag Nederlands-talige boeken lezen, hebben toegang tot de bibliotheek en kunnen lenen wanneer zij dat willen. Het is een kwestie van op de lijst in de bibliotheek je naam, titel van het boek en je telefoon nummer te schrijven.

Omdat we in een tijd van “social media” leven, zijn er ook boeken te lenen/lezen via links; je hebt ook toegang tot luisterboeken. Als je hier informatie over wilt hebben, neem dan even contact op met Machiel (mvdstelt@gmail.com), de bibliothecaris van de Neerlandia “Mies” Bibliotheek.

We krijgen vaak vriendelijke verzoeken van mensen die boeken willen doneren.

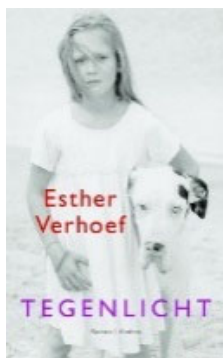
In de huidige situatie is de ruimte beperkt voor extra boeken in de bibliotheek. Wij bevelen aan om de boeken aan een van de Op-Shops van de Save the Children Charity te doneren:

<https://www.savethechildren.org.au/our-stories/we-want-your-pre-loved-items>

We maken echter één uitzondering en accepteren wel goede boeken in goede staat voor kinderen en de jeugd; ook moderne (opgenomen in het Canon van Nederland) romans in goede staat zijn welkom.

Wij streven er naar om in elke aflevering van het Neerlandia Tijdschrift een review van een Nederlands talig boek te publiceren. Vorige maanden bespraken we “Eline Vere”: “Wij slaven van Suriname” en het jeugdboek voor alle leeftijden “Kruistocht in Spijkerbroek”.

Heb jij onlangs een Nederlandstalig boek gelezen dat je met ons delen wilt? Laat het weten en wij publiceren jouw recentie.



Boekbespreking:

Dit is de omslag van “Tegenlicht”: het is een foto van Ester’s nichtje met haar hond.

Voor juli-augustus was de beurt aan Lianna om een contributie te leveren. Zij las voor deze gelegenheid **Tegenlicht van Esther Verhoef**, een heerlijke “page turner”. Hier volgt wat ze er van dacht:

Dit boek heb ik ademloos uitgelezen. Binnenin voelde ik verdriet en angst terwijl ik meeleefde met Vera. De eenzaamheid, de verwarring - de liefde, ik beleefde het net zo intens als Vera deed. Een roman van het hoogste niveau. Heen en weer getrokken door oplaaiende emoties; nadenken over de intellectuele beschouwingen op het leven. Ik had geen idee hoe dit boek zou eindigen - een vermoeden, ja, maar niet op deze manier. Een realistisch boek met een realistisch eind. Het boek ligt naast me, telt 562 pagina's en is echt een literaire geniet. Over een poosje pak ik een andere titel van Esther Verhoef.

Nog even niet: Vera en haar leven zitten te dichtbij bij mij om hun plaats nu al af te staan aan een andere hoofdpersoon. Ik wil wat langer genieten van het voldane gevoel, ontstaan na het uitlezen van een goed boek. Ik wacht op het moment dat ik afscheid kan nemen van Vera....

Samenvatting:

De hoofdstukken in deel I wisselen elkaar af met steeds een hoofdstuk uit het verleden en daarna een hoofdstuk uit het heden. Het gaat daarbij om 119 hoofdstukken die allemaal verband met elkaar houden. Deel II vertelt het verhaal in chronologische volgorde over 41 hoofdstukken omdat daar de tweedeling tussen verleden en heden niet bestaat.

Machiel van der Stelt

Lianna Parker

Report Quiz Night at EoMD & CURA needs Volunteers

Quiz night 24 June 2022 – a resounding success.

Despite the numbers being small, those who were there had a mountain of fun. The finger food was plentiful. The room was warm and cozy. The laughter was infectious.

Some of the answers were diabolical and yet many knew the answer to what was thought to be a hard question. The Musical questions posed an IT challenge as the formatted presentation did not work on the night.

However, using other means, these questions were still capable of being played and many

knew or recognised the Music or Movie theme. One question proved so motivating, the ladies, who ended up winning, burst out into singing the song and thus gave away the answer. Nevertheless, it proved yet another momentarily funny moment during the night. If you missed it, be sure to attend the next end of month drinks. We are planning more “Fun” activities that will ensure you leave at the end of the night knowing you had a great time.

Jan Zwartkruis.



The winning Group!



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Individual In-home Care

ONE OF CURA'S CLIENTS NEEDS YOU!!

CURA In-Home is looking for a volunteers in and around Perth. Do you have an hour to spare per fortnight? Would you like to share that hour with one of our elderly Dutch speaking clients and have a chat over a cuppa about old times, or read a book or take them for a walk and sit down somewhere and observe nature?



You will be amazed about how satisfied you will feel having improved the life of someone else, just by being there and sharing that hour. You may even have some laughs as you recount funny events in one another's lives.

Social isolation is one of the biggest health risks facing older people in Australia. You **CAN** make a difference. Regular visits from volunteers can help improve quality of life and reduce isolation.

To find out more about becoming part of our team of compassionate Volunteer Visitors under the Community Visitors Scheme, please contact:

Coordinator Nicole, on (08) 9382 1983 or email to:
cvs@cura-inhomecare.org.au

We look forward to receiving contact from you and thank you in advance for being so considerate of the needs of others.

15-year old Fleur sees the whole world in one

Neerlandia and the Rhein Donau Club showed compassion.

On Sunday 5th June 2022, between 8:00am and 12:00 noon, the Beer Garden at the Rhein Donau Club was transformed into a "Whirlwind around the World tour" for Fleur, an 15-year old girl who has an inoperable brain tumour.

This event was organised at very short notice (2 weeks) and there was an outpouring of love by community-minded individuals. Neerlandia was approached for the use of the Rhein Donau Club. Permission was sought and granted by the Rhein Donau Club as a humanitarian and compassionate offer of assistance.

Fleur had wanted to travel the world, but both Covid and then her tumour stopped these ideas from ever becoming a reality. The family and friends decided to do something about it and with their intervention, ingenuity and brilliance, Fleur did have a day in which she visited 10 countries as well as a couple of other make-belief locations.

It all started at home when she was told that she was going on a holiday.

A limousine collected her and her family to start her holiday. When she arrived at the RDC, a red carpet awaited her as well as Channel 10 camera and reporter. A Stewardess welcomed her and issued her with a special passport. An Accordion player created an additional atmosphere to the occasion. Many friends were waiting outside and welcomed her as she passed them. Once inside, she was first of all greeted by Bollywood dancers. She then was off to Italy, where pasta and pizza were available for her tasting. This was followed by France, complete with the French beret, French wine, and grapes. Next was Spain with paella and a Flamingo dancer. Next was Switzerland with Swiss cheese, bread, and Toblerone chocolate. Then came Germany with Oktoberfest and bratwurst. This was followed by the Netherlands with tulips, rookworst from the Hema, a Dutch windmill, sjoelbak and a performance by our Clog Dancers. Following that was a journey to wild west days in California, with Wanted posters, Poker table as well as a performance by Boot Scooters. After this, it was on to Indonesia where she was showered with more edible gifts as well as a Ley over her shoulders. From there we moved on to Japan with more special treats. The final reveal caused an enormous shriek as Fleur moved into her favourite movie characters of Harry Potter and Disney World. The Warlock was in residence and allowed



The colourful Entrance into the RDC.



France.



Swiss.



English.

afternoon, while on a Whirlwind tour inside the RDC



Indonesian.



California.



Dutch.

Fleur to cast special spells. In Disney World her favourite characters were present, including Mini Mouse, Batman, Princess from Frozen and several other characters. The smile on Fleur's face said it all. She had been surprised and had enjoyed the entire experience. Emotions were high and many a tear was shed by a number of people. Sad because of what Fleur and her family were going through, but also the realisation that despite all the troubles in our world, humanity love and kindness was on display right here. And perhaps, a few of those present relived a personal

experience in their own lives, which was in some way, not too dissimilar to that of Fleur and her family.

Many thanks go to the RDC, Neerlandia, Fleur's family & the many friends, Performers from the Starlight Foundation and all the helpers who made this special day such a success.

Jan Zwartkruis.



Japanese.



Characters from Harry Potter and Disney World.



The Seniors' Club.

The Seniors Club has continued their fortnightly get togethers. The usual games have been enjoyed by all. Many Members went to the André Rieu show on the 29th May and were thoroughly entertained. We are all looking forward to the outing to the Tivoli Theatre, which should be another great afternoon's entertainment. Similarly, many of our Seniors have already booked to watch André Rieu in the Innaloo Cinema at the end of August.



During May, Henk Oorschot had to step in for me, as I was deemed a close contact for Covid. This was later confirmed in a RAT test. He also had to complete the next Seniors' meeting due to an important meeting on behalf of Neerlandia.

It is good to have people like Henk Oorschot as a back up, as you never know when they may need to be relied upon. It is fantastic to have such capable people, who can assume the responsibility when needed. Thank you Henk. Once again, some new recipes were savoured by our members and was met with overwhelming approval.

We are always ready to welcome new members into our Club. If you like to play some games with other likeminded people, who share a common heritage, why not contact John Zwartkruis on [0434 920 252](tel:0434920252) or by email at terjohnz@gmail.com for further details. We look forward to making your acquaintance and welcoming you as part of our Neerlandia Seniors' Club.
John Zwartkruis.





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Upcoming Anniversary Lunch on 24 July



NEERLANDIA *53RD ANNIVERSARY* *LUNCH*



Come and enjoy a "buffet" Indonesian Rijsttafel.

All Members are invited to celebrate the 53rd Anniversary of Neerlandia.

When – **24 July 2022** – Arrive from **11:30AM** – Lunch at **12:30PM**

Where – **The Rhein Donau Club – 110 North Lake Rd, Myaree.**

We will display some past events, which you can reminisce about.

Our now very popular Raffle will be on again.

You may also witness a few other surprises.

Neerlandia has survived for 53 years and is still going strong.

Come and make this day another memorable event in our history.

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Members Birthdays

The following Members will celebrate their Birthday during the month of July 2022. We wish them all a very Happy Birthday.

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Thea	de Koning
Frans	Fikke
Frank	Fisher
Arnold	Giltay
Judy	Hanemaaijer
Rudi	Haverhoek
Anne	Heistek
Peter	Hoonhout
Jeannette	Kuiper
Joke	Leeflang
Nelly	Liebregts
Katy	Mair
Chantelle	Morgan
Anne	Neil
Peter	Rietveld
John	Schoen
Zdenko	Stulcbauer
Kees	Swager
Janny	Udinga
Con	van der Putten
John	van Gentevoort
Eric	van Waaijenburg
Lilian	Zuideveld
Debbie	Zwartkruis
Joke	v.d.Peppel-Tensen
Adriana	Hutchinson

The following Members will celebrate their Birthday during the month of August 2022. We wish them all a very Happy Birthday.

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Arie	de Klerk
Robin	Gerritsen
Hennie	Gradisen
Linda	Haanskorf de Jongh
Sally	Hoedemaker
Trudy	Huiting
Yvonne	Hyde
Hennie	James
Toon	Kamps
Maaïke	Kemner
Martijn	Klabbers
Martina	Koster
Angela	Lensink
Maija	Maki
Matty	Mentz
Riet	Oorschot
Rita	Phillips
Fenny	Snijders
Ric	van der Feltz
Johanna	van Gentevoort
Frits	van Irsen
Lisa	van 't Westeinde
Nicholas	van Zwol
Deanna	Vlam
Marieke	Weerheim
Ad	Zuiderwijk
Peter	Waller

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Upcoming Leiden's Ontzet in period costumes

Leidens Ontzet – Competition.

This year, Leidens Ontzet will be celebrated on Saturday 24th September 2022 at the Rhein Donau Club. We will be awarding **a prize for the best Male & best Female dressed in period costume**. So, get yourself ready and make a costume from that time period. You ought to then keep that costume for future years, especially 2024 when we will be celebrating the 450th year since the liberation of Leiden. Enquiries are being made to see if this can become a major event here in Perth with possible visitations from some important people from the Netherlands. See examples of costumes worn by the Spanish Troops, the Water Geuzen, dignitaries and ordinary citizens.
John Zwartkruis.



The jungle priest.

A priest is about to finish his tour of duty and is leaving his mission in the jungle where he has spent years teaching the natives in their own tongue. He realises that the one thing he never taught them was how to speak English.



To make it easier for his successor, the priest takes the chief for a walk in the forest. He points to a tree and says to the chief: "This is tree". The chief looks at

the tree and grunts: "Tree". The priest is pleased with the response. They walk a little further and he points to a rock and says: "This is rock". Hearing this, the chief looks and grunts: "Rock".

The priest is really enthusiastic about the progress they are making until they hear noises in the bushes. They stop to peek over the top and see a couple of natives partaking in sexual activity. The priest is highly embarrassed but quickly remarks: "Man riding bike".

The chief immediately pulls out his blowgun and kills the couple. The priest is dreadfully upset. He tells the chief that he has spent years teaching the tribe how to be civilised, to be kind to each other, so how can he be so callous and kill these people?

The chief replies: "Mine bike...."

There is a moral to this story: Enjoy your day, but remember to be very careful when you are out, especially when riding someone else's bike.

A married man and his secretary were having an affair.

A married man and his secretary were having an affair. One afternoon they couldn't contain their passion, so they rushed over to her place, where they spent

the afternoon.

When they were finished, they fell asleep, not waking until later that night.

When they awoke, they got dressed quickly, then the man asked his secretary to take his shoes outside and rub them thoroughly on the lawn. Bewildered, she did as he asked, thinking it was pretty strange.

The man finally got home, and his wife met him at the door. Upset, she asked where he'd been.

The man replied: "I cannot tell a lie. My secretary and I are having an affair. Today we left work early, went to her place, spent the afternoon making love, and then fell asleep.



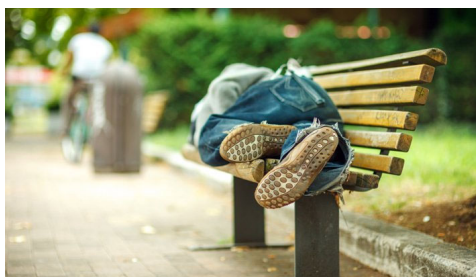
That's why I'm late".

The wife looked at him, took notice of his shoes, and yelled: "I noticed those grass stains on your shoes. YOU LIAR! You've been playing golf again, haven't you?"

The "lucky" man.

A sad reality!

This morning I was sitting on a bench next



to a homeless man, I asked him how he ended up this way. He said: "Up until

last week, I still had it all!

A cook cooked my meals, my room was cleaned, my clothes were washed, pressed, I had a roof over my head, I had TV, internet, I went to the gym, the pool, the library, I could still go to school".

I asked him: "What happened? Drugs? Alcohol? Divorce?"

He replied: "Oh no, nothing like that. No, no ... I got out of prison!"

Geertruidenberg, a beautiful Village in North Brabant



Flag and Coat of Arms of the City of Geertruidenberg.



The City of **Geertruidenberg** is not only an old fortified City, but also a beautiful, well preserved Village situated on the River Donge, in the Province of North Brabant.



Geertruidenberg's fortifications.

It is a Municipality as well, which includes the population centers of Raamsdonk and Raamsdonksveer.

History:

The City of Geertruidenberg, named after "Saint Gertrude of Nivelles", received City rights in 1213 from the Count of Holland. It was founded in the eleventh Century, but according to some sources, there has been a monastery on this site as early as the seventh century AD. However, despite several digs, evidence of this has never been unearthed. It is the second oldest City in the Netherlands. (The City of Dordrecht has that honour.)



Old painting about the St. Elisabeth Flood.

Due to the strategic location it was also nicknamed the "Key of Holland".

The fortified City prospered until the 15th century, when wars and floods devastated the City. In 1421 an enormous flood (The Elizabeth Flood) devastated the Netherlands, as scores of dikes were breached, leaving many areas around the country under water. For instance, the land between Dordrecht and Geertruidenberg was completely inundated, creating a large, freshwater tidal wetland, that is still there these days and it is now known as "De Biesbosch."

Tourism:

Geertruidenberg is a beautiful quiet Village on the river Donge and is a major attraction for tourists and locals to spend their holidays. The surroundings of Geertruidenberg are perfect for all sorts of activities. Here one can rent boats, canoes, bicycles etc. and there are lots of waterways and pathways to walk, canoe and do some fishing as well. From Geertruidenberg, you can easily reach the Biesbosch, one of the most beautiful



To enjoy the Biesbosch fully, ready made tours leave from Geertruidenberg or boats are for hire,

Geertruidenberg, a beautiful Village in North Brabant



Biesbosch has its moments.



Are we lost? A map is recommended.



Don't forget the Barbeque!

unspoiled nature and recreation areas in the Netherlands. Sightseeing tours on larger boats depart from Geertruidenberg, especially in the spring and summer months. It is really **the** place for fun outdoor activities. In addition, the area is loved by ornithologists.

Attractions:

Want a fun day? Immerse yourself in the past of Geertruidenberg by visiting the fortifications, the moats and Museums. Or relax on a terrace with a view of the historic market with its slate alleys, monumental buildings and the beautiful Church, the "Geertruids Church." Besides, the Municipality of Geertruidenberg is just what one needs. It has three Villages, each



Just relax and unwind.



Bridge across the Donge.

with its own character and attraction such as Museums, Restaurants and hotels. Cross the Donge River and visit dynamic Raamsdonksveer.

A Village with iconic buildings on the harbor front. A visit to the "Het Broeck Estate" is well worth it. And you can end your day with a lunch or



A drink or snack on the terraces.

dinner at one of the many eating places or stay on your boat own your boat in one of the marinas.

Compiled from the Internet by Pieter Leeftang.



The Geertruids Church.



The wishing Well Fountain.



Old historic building.

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CODE WORD PUZZLE

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Results of last month's Bonus TOP CODEWORD.

This puzzle was not a pushover at all and difficult to find the first word. But once the words: **Tactics, Avocado and Avitar** were found, the rest became much easier.

The letter codes for last month's Top Codebreaker were as follows:

A=25; B=14; C=10; D=21; E=8;
F=18; G=6; H=16; I=7; J=22; K=15;
L=2; M=1; N=9; O=24; P=4; Q=11;
R=3; S=26; T=13; U=12; V=23;
W=5; X=19; Y=17; Z=20.

Results of last month's Bonus BOTTOM CODEWORD.

This puzzle was another challenging one.

Once the words: **Accuracy, Adequacy and Bazaar** were found, you were on your way.

The letter codes for last month's bottom Codebreaker were as follows:

A=13; B=4; C=22; D=19; E=6;
F=14; G=16; H=18; I=11; J=15;
K=25; L=23; M=5; N=12; O=24;
P=2; Q=7; R=9; S=3; T=1; U=17;
V=20; W=21; X=10; Y=26; Z=8.

Two Bonus Code-Word Puzzles

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Code-Word and Sudoku Puzzles Page

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Some letters, e.g. the letters E and A and S occur more often than others e.g. the letter X or Z.

To find the first three word of last month's Codebreaker was pretty straightforward.

*The first 3 words I found were **Graffiti, Affray and Officers** and once those 3 words were found, it was easy.*

The letter codes for last month's Codebreaker were as follows:

A=15; B=21; C=18; D=22; E=25; F=10; G=23; H=17; I=20; J=14; K=24; L=2; M=13; N=9; O=3; P=26; Q=6; R=7; S=4; T=19; U=5; V=8; W=16; X=12; Y=11; Z=1.

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

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14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26

Sudoku Puzzles

The aim of the Sudoku Puzzle is to insert numbers 1-9 in the each row and column; each 3x3 box must also contain a complete set of numbers 1-9.

Sudoku 974 Easy Puzzle

			4	7			8
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Sudoku 974 Moderate Puzzle

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	9	6		4			
8					3		
	7					9	

Last month's Sudoku Easy 973 solution.

5	1	7	3	4	9	8	6	2
6	4	2	7	8	1	5	9	3
8	9	3	6	2	5	1	4	7
7	6	4	2	1	8	9	3	5
9	5	1	4	6	3	7	2	8
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1	2	5	8	3	4	6	7	9
3	7	9	1	5	6	2	8	4
4	8	6	9	7	2	3	5	1

Last month's Sudoku Medium 973 solution.

5	1	7	9	2	6	8	3	4
8	9	3	1	7	4	5	2	6
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6	3	9	2	8	1	4	5	7
7	5	1	3	4	9	2	6	8
4	8	2	5	6	7	9	1	3
9	7	5	4	1	3	6	8	2
3	2	4	6	5	8	1	7	9
1	6	8	7	9	2	3	4	5

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